asleep at the wheel

not paying attention to a situation, so that something bad happens

***Friday debate: Kroger and Howes*: It's been a shocking year for the Labor Party. It's been a shocker. And the one issue that Gillard and this conference should be talking about is job security and they're doing nothing.  
  
PAUL HOWES: And ...  
  
MICHAEL KROGER: Nothing. You're asleep at the wheel**